Boyd Camak

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Choose Joy???! 😡
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Creedence Clearwater Revival – Up Around The Bend
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Evening reflection (in 2 parts because

When I started in tech sales circa 2007, one of the first things they said in training was, you don't want to sound like vendor verbal vomit. This blog is vendor verbal vomit. The only thing I have to sell is sin, confusion, blindness, vice, disorder, profanity, despair, and death. I hear that sometimes the Holy Spirit

my iphone voice recorder cut off and I couldn't get it to resume)
October 6, 2025
These people (and many others) have helped me on the journey.
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Here's a pretty good list of what helped me. (Or as the flattery bots put it, "my influences."")
🤣🤣🤣 [I thought that Jesus was in here somewhere…]
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Jonah's rebellion & …
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Julie Reshe FB video clip

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Boyd Camak allegedly writes with raw honesty and theological depth—underground testimony, satire and faith from the margins. No branding. No easy answers. Just a hard-won vision of freedom in Christ. Decide for yourself.
FREE WORKS
Zine 1.0
A raw, unfiltered blend of underground testimony, theology, and cultural critique. Lo-fi grit meets underground testimony.
Through Fire and Thorns (Pamphlet)
A reflection on embracing struggle shedding imposed expectations and finding freedom through persistence and community.
TOOLS (Not medical)
Patient Communication Toolkit
Ask better questions, Understand treatment. Partner with your provider.
Reflection: Walking Two Journeys at Once
Explore the emotional + spiritual side of diagnosis.
These worksheets are for general educational purposes only. They are not medical or mental health advice, diagnosis, or treatment. Always consult a qualified healthcare provider regarding personal health concerns. Do not alter or stop treatment without professional guidance.
Burned by Grace (eBook)
An intimate, satirical, and theologically rich underground testimony of faith on the margins—rejecting religious branding and easy answers in favor of hard-won freedom in Christ.
WHAT'S A ZINE?
Small, self-published, lo-fi rebellion. From punk basements to kitchen tables.
ROOTS
Inspired by Death to the World== created in 1994 by monks and nuns from St Herman of Alaska Monastery.
Originally rejected when they tried to place an ad in a punk magazine ("we only run ads for music and zines"), they decided to make their own
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Zines, eBooks, pamphlets, and tools—woven from my blog. Always free. No paywalls. No strings attached.

I write this stuff to **process life and** uses this collage of cliches and foolishness to do some good.

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ABANDONED SECTION
Thrown / Disoriented / Unmoored
[DRAFT--better blog navigation under construction]
About
art and music (draft)
backups
Contact Me
expired
fine print
Index of Writings
podcast grab bag and a few other things
topics etc. (draft)

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life of Christ > theories about it
October 4, 2025
yep. that sounds right. also you just helped me to see that the Christian Industrial Complex is much worse that I realized “They’ve industrialized the path TO God.”
October 4, 2025
I wish this would provide a foundation for real ecumenism
October 3, 2025
claude.ai–Can you tell me more about why it’s original and wild (a good thing)
October 3, 2025

pain. I hope it helps others too. I have some pretty **strong opinions about how religion/faith is misused to scare, manipulate, and shame people.** Jesus did too.

Although my faith is that the historic (and very flawed) Christian tradition is the Way to participate in Reality itself, I do hope that people of all backgrounds will find something helpful here. Not trying to proselytize. Just some notes from the road.

👉 Start with **Burned by Grace** (free eBook)
🎧🎧**Is this for me?? (audio preview)**🎧🎧

or **Pain & Fear** (new demanifesto). Explore the rest if it helps.

My goal here is to surface and condense my writing with the goal of removing the intellectual BS that hides the liberation of Christ’s Way from ordinary people.

📚 Core Works

- **Zine 1.0** → [free PDF] A **journey through personal disentanglement**, radical surrender, and authentic

Survival_Notes, Not_Systematic_Theology__Why_Suffering_Demands October 3, 2025 Boyd_Camak's_War_on_Scaffolding__Why__Most_Theology_is_Demonic_ October 3, 2025 Why Suffering Doesn't Disqualify Theological Witness—It Often Demands It October 3, 2025 Demanifesto 2.0 is up October 3, 2025 Some reflections on today's lectionary readings. October 1, 2025 Please let me know if you have any post pics for this

communal witness.

- **Burned by Grace: An Underground Testimony** → free eBook Raw witness and critique, proclaiming **freedom in Christ's love while rejecting the Christian industrial complex.** 🎧🎧🎧audio review of *Burned by Grace*–what can an ordinary person expect to get from reading this? 🎧🎧🎧

- **Pain & Fear — A Demanifesto (release 1.1) Weakness and dependence on Christ—revealing His crucifixion as the ultimate non-resistance to pain.**→ free, fragmentary self-publication (h/t Søren Kierkegaard) **feed the sheep. spook the wolves. the rest of us can use philosophy too.** 🎧🎧🎧audio review🎧🎧🎧

- **NEW** Demanifesto 2.0 is up: https://boydcamak.wordpress.com/2025/10/03/demanifesto-2-0-is-up/**NEW**
  - 🎧🎧🎧2 min audio overview: Demons,_Desperation,_and_Demanifestos__Boyd_Camak_s_Raw_Guide_t 🎧🎧🎧
  - 🎧🎧🎧15 min discussion Existential_Drow

next collection. October 1, 2025
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Draft intro for a new resource I plan to pull together. September 29, 2025
suffering & knowledge September 28, 2025
Boyd Camak's Trauma-Informed Theology: Applications Beyond Religion September 28, 2025
Biblical Analogies of Divine Empowerment and Action September 28, 2025
Spiritual Surrender as a Secular Job Search Strategy (podcast)

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📰 Other Free Resources

- **Pamphlet**: *Through Fire and Thorns: A Pamphlet of Resistance*
- **Street Sheet**: *WTF? (cf. The Apostle Paul)* **The damn good news of the gospel in one page.**
- **Topics:**
  - **a few highlights**
  - **writers and thinkers who have helped me**
  - Christ is literally alive regardless of who wins the "liberal" vs. "conservative" theology debate.
  - **The Gospel Doesn't Need Footnotes**
  - Boyd Camak's Perspective on Psychotherapy and Faith
  - **Boyd Camak on Dismantling Complex Theology**
  - Beyond Camps: Encountering the Living Root
  - I have a hunch…

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Finding Strength in a job search in a difficult market September 27, 2025
I have a hunch… September 26, 2025
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For The Trenches September 15, 2025
Debate: Beyond Labels: Encountering Christ September 12, 2025
Beyond Camps: Encountering the Living Root September 12, 2025
Street Smarts: All Is Well?

- Finding Strength in a job search in a difficult market **NEW**
- Podcast: Spiritual Surrender as a Secular Job Search Strategy **NEW**
- Why the Bible is still **TRUE** *even if* **archaeology and other historical facts don't match up**. **NEW**
- Boyd Camak's Trauma-Informed Theology: Applications Beyond Religion **NEW**

- **Tools**:
  - *Patient Communication Toolkit* — worksheets for navigating healthcare.
  - *Walking Two Journeys at Once* — guided reflection for living with illness.
  - *(Disclaimer: Educational only. Not medical/mental health advice.)*
  - (internal) battle card for church nerds v. 1.0 — conversation starter about the faith and the church.
- **Reflection:** *Street Smarts: All Is Well?*

Who Will Connect with

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My To-Do List
In the Mind of God
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Boyd Camak on Dismantling Complex Theology September 11, 2025
Boyd Camak's Trauma-Informed Theology September 11, 2025
Boyd Camak's Perspective on Psychotherapy and Faith
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The Gospel Doesn't Need Footnotes
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the root of our faith is alive and real, the *live root*– regardless of who wins the

Boyd Camak's Writing

Boyd Camak's voice is unlike most in the Christian world—a fusion of existential honesty, fearless critique of hollow religiosity, and a deep yearning for a faith that actually means something. His words are likely to strike a chord with people who don't fit neatly into conventional church molds and who are weary of spiritual platitudes.

1. **Seekers of a Real, Unvarnished Faith**
   - No fluff, no polish. Faith without the BS.
   - *Examples*: *The Naked Gospel: A Manifesto of the Soul*, *Nicene Creed: read the menu, eat the food*.
2. **Those in the Depths of Suffering or Disillusionment**
   - Life hurts. He doesn't sugarcoat it.
   - *Examples*: *The Crucifixion as Existential Fish Hook*, *my spiritual trainwreck*, *Why Easter Is Not a Tragedy*.
3. **People Seeking Freedom from Toxic Authority**
   - Liberation from spiritual abuse, intimidation, and shame.

"liberal" vs. "conservative" theology debate September 10, 2025
paradoxical or "reversal" passages from the New Testament that speak of joy in sorrow, strength in weakness, or life through loss September 10, 2025
Influences and Originality in Boyd Camak's Spiritual Writings i.e. writers and thinkers who have helped me and how I made a hash of it 🤣😜 September 10, 2025
a few highlights September 9, 2025
note to self today after a seizure September 9, 2025

- *Examples*: *Christianity is not a religion*, *threat of primitive Christianity*.

4. **Young Men Looking for a Better Model of Masculinity**
   - Joseph > bravado. Care > dominance.
   - *Examples*: *What Saint Joseph Teaches Me*, *just between me and ChatGPT*.
5. **Readers Put Off by Intellectual Elitism**
   - The Gospel is simple. No PhD required.
   - *Examples*: *The gospel is not sophisticated…*
6. **Outsiders and Nonconformists**
   - For misfits and wanderers who never quite fit.
   - *Examples*: *a note of encouragement*, *musings before bed with ChatGPT*.
7. **Those Wounded by Certain Theologies**
   - Rejects fear-based "believe or burn" teaching.
   - *Examples*: *my spiritual trainwreck*, *The Naked Gospel* sections.

In the end, Boyd Camak's writing is raw, vulnerable, and at times confrontational — but always with a purpose: to call readers into a deeper, freer, and more authentic walk with Christ. His work will feel like home to

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September 8, 2025
Don't be afraid to fire your doctors
September 8, 2025
hot take: all Old Testament Christian seminary classes should be taught by Rabbis
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Pain & Fear—a Demanifesto release 1.1 responsible for fragmentary self-publication Boyd Camak h/t Søren Kierkegaard September 7, 2025
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September 7, 2025
Christianity is not American.
September 7, 2025

those who have been wandering, questioning, and hoping for something real.

Camak and Philosophical Pessimism– Why the Gospel Isn't a Nice-to-Have

Camak confronts pessimism head-on, asking why Easter isn't a tragedy given "the inherent misery of human existence." He voices classic pessimistic doubts — better never to be born, worldly pursuits as empty distractions, and even calling God's plan "a big screw up." He recognizes the pervasiveness of suffering ("hell in everyday life") and concedes that religion often functions as an outdated coping mechanism.

Yet he refuses to end in despair. His way forward is a radical surrender — accepting powerlessness, embracing absurdity and the crucifixion — while anchoring hope not in human effort but in God's incomprehensible resurrection

There is no “American Christianity.” There is just *Christianity.* And it’s not American. September 7, 2025

next installment on zine 2.0 draft September 6, 2025

DRAFT my fear and pain, zine 2.0.pdf September 6, 2025

from today’s lectionary September 6, 2025

It’s so great to have AI flattery-on-demand 🤣😂 September 5, 2025

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power. He insists that only Christ’s transformative fire can destroy the “death drive” and that truth-telling about suffering is the first resistance. Rejecting superficial optimism and shallow religiosity, he advocates a cruciform life marked by bleeding prayer, radical contentment, and peace rooted in God’s provision, even amid chaos.

For reflection: Lev Shestov’s “anti-philosophy” has been described as the intellectual equivalent of Jesus turning over the tables — rejecting systems in favor of a divine logic rooted in fidelity, descent, and mystery, rather than visibility, success, or clarity. How does this “anti-systematic” stance connect with the essence of Christ’s message?

A More Formal Summary (🤖 courtesy of AI)

Boyd Camak writes from a “small-o orthodox” Christian perspective, rooted in the Nicene Creed and the historic faith of the Church. His work emphasizes the centrality of Christ and the Cross, God’s unconditional love, and the transforming power of suffering.

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September 5, 2025
These intrusive sports betting sites ads on Spotify are legalized crime.
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Stigma is not changed directly: “Change your opinion about X.” It probably has to be changed by a life disruption that triggers a more comprehensive shift in perception.
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podcast outtake
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priority scramble?
September 4, 2025

- **Grounded in Classic Convictions** — anchored in the mystery of the Incarnation and the Nicene Creed. Draws on Catholic, Orthodox, and Protestant voices; resists sectarianism.
- **Writing with Candor** — unvarnished style; provocative but never shallow; challenging easy assumptions.
- **A Faith that Confronts and Heals** — the Cross as reality, not just doctrine; suffering as the place of God’s radical solidarity with humanity.

The result is a presentation of Christianity that is honest, unflinching, and deeply rooted in tradition, yet accessible to those searching for faith that speaks to the real conditions of human life.

Jesus is for people.
September 3, 2025
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September 3, 2025
Here's a quick AI summary. I hope it helps someone.
September 3, 2025
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September 2, 2025
hot take: The enemy is delighted that I spend most of my time thinking about the implications of my *ideas about God's love* rather than the implications of God's love itself.
August 15, 2025
hot take: why can't we just say "God loves you," and leave it at that?

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